

HOUSE RESOLUTION 40

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Alexandra Sexton on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra Sexton, an esteemed resident of Knoxville and a senior at Farragut High School, has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the program's goals are to applaud young people who are already making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities; over the past seventeen years, more than 345,000 young Americans have participated in the program, and more than 100,000 of them have been officially recognized for their volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished Finalist in the program, Alexandra Sexton earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy as an active volunteer at both her church, where she is a youth camp leader and member of a service club, and at her school, where she tutors and mentors young students through her roles in student government and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with her church and school, Miss Sexton stepped up to take over an event that her brother founded entitled *Hoops for Hope*, for which she coordinated a fun-filled day of basketball for children with Down Syndrome and helped raised money for the Down Syndrome Awareness Group; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Miss Sexton who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate and honor Alexandra Sexton as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending to her our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.